

BLACKROD URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
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AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
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for the year 1971
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your information the Annual Report on the health of the District.

Having in mind the relatively small population involved, the conclusion that can be drawn from this year's vital statistics is one of restrained satisfaction. Once again both the corrected birth and death rates compare favourably with the national ones and the population seems to have settled around the 5000 mark. The incidence of notifiable diseases remained insignificant.

I am pleased to acknowledge the great help I received from Mr. Wood during the year.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION 'A'

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	. . .	2392.4
Population Census 1971	. . .	4810
Population Estimated	. . .	4800
Number of inhabited dwellings at end of 1971	. . .	1618
Rateable Value	. . .	£160,784
Sum represented by a penny rate	. . .	£1,504
Social Conditions - No material change		

BIRTHS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live Births:			
Legitimate	79	42	37
Illegitimate	2	2	-
	<u>81</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>37</u>
Live birth rate per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	...	...	16.9
Local Area comparability factor	...	...	.90
Adjusted rate	...	...	15.2
Still Births:			
Legitimate	2	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live & still Births)			24
Total Live & Still Births	83	44	39

DEATHS:

Deaths - all ages	50	24	26
Infant Deaths (Under 1 year)			
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000	...	...	...	12
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	13
Illëgitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	-
Neonatal Mortality Rate deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	-
Early neonatal Mortality Rate deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate, still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total births	...	...	...	24

Death Rates etc. (all ages)

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	...	...	10.4
Area Comparability Factor	...	...	1.35
Adjusted Rate	...	...	14.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	...	...	1.21

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1971:

	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1	-
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1	-
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	1	-
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	2	-	2
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	1	-
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	1	1
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	17	12	5
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	1	1
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	8	2	6
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	-	3
B32 Pneumonia	5	2	3
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	-
B46(10) Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	1	-
BE48 All Other Accidents	3	-	3
	50	24	26

Tel: Swinton 061 794 4343

1. Ante Natal and Post Natal
164 New Street, Blackrod: Thursdays, Friday afternoon
2. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis and Measles Immunisation.
164 New Street, Blackrod: 1st and 3rd Tuesday in month
1-30 p.m. - 3-30 p.m.
3. Child Welfare:
164 New Street, Blackrod. Doctor present
1st and 3rd Thursday in month 2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesday in month 1-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.
4. Ophthalmic:
School Health Clinics: Jones Street, Horwich) By
Market St. Westhoughton) Appointment
5. Orthopaedic:
School Health Clinics: Jones Street, Horwich) By
Market St. Westhoughton) Appointment
6. Tuberculosis Dispensary and Chest Clinic: Civic Centre, Bolton.
7. Venereal Disease:
i) Civic Centre, Bolton: Males: Mon. to Fri. 9-30am to 12-30 am
Mon. Wed. Fri. 4-30pm to 7-00pm
Females: Tues. Thurs. Sat. 9-30pm to 11-30 am

ii) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan: Males: Friday 2-30 pm to 6-30 pm
Females: Wed. 2-00 pm to 6-00 pm

Urgent Cases:
Monday to Friday 9-00 am to 5-00 pm
Saturday 4-30 pm to 7-00 pm

8. Convalescence:

Under arrangements made by Lancashire County Council -
Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

9. Convalescent Treatment:

Under arrangements by the Regional Hospital Board.

10. Health Visiting Service:

Health Visitors, School Nurses are employed in the District
by the Lancashire County Council.

11. Home Nursing Service:

District Nurses are employed in the district by the
Lancashire County Council.

12. Hospitals:

Bolton Royal Infirmary
Bolton & District General Hospital, Farnworth
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan
Chorley and District General Hospital

13. Laboratory Facilities:

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries.

14. Maternity Homes:

Haslam, Havercroft and Heaton Grange Maternity Homes, Bolton.
Bolton & District General Hospital
Billinge Hospital

15. Midwifery Service:

Domiciliary Midwives employed by the Lancashire County Council
practice in the district.

16. Nursing Homes:

Newlands Nursing Home - Bolton.
Christopher Nursing Home - Wigan.

17. Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children:

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

18. Council for Moral Welfare Works:

Miss Rigby, 24 Acresfield, Bolton. Tel: Bolton 26524

19. X-Ray Facilities:

Available at Bolton Royal Infirmary and Wigan Infirmary.

Special Facilities for Chest X-Ray at the Hospital Board's
Dispensaries and Chest Clinics.

SECTION ' C '

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply:

The Urban District for water supply is part of the Bolton Corporation Water Supply Area, and the supply has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality; no restriction on the use of water having been made during the year. All premises in the district have a piped water supply. There were twelve samples of water taken for bacteriological examination and all these were found to be satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage:

Only extensions have been made to new properties during the year. Tenders have been invited for the resewering of the district and for the treatment of the sewage at the works of the Horwich Urban District Council.

Public Cleansing:

There are 1900 refuse bins which are emptied on a weekly collection basis and this is maintained over the year with the exception of one week in July and one week in September when the men have their annual holidays. Plastic sacks being supplied to householders during the holiday period to provide additional storage facilities.

The service is operated by S.&D. Dual Tip Vehicle of 18/25 cubic yard capacity working 5 days per week and manned by two drivers and three men.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping with arrangement with the Horwich U.D.C. on their tip for which an annual charge is paid for these facilities.

Sanitary Inspections during the year:

During the year the Department received some seventy four complaints relating to all matters including refuse removal and housing repairs. Throughout the year 1077 premises were visited for all purposes and 1789 visits made. Some 38 defects or nuisances were discovered and 28 were abated during the year.

Clean Air Act 1956:

The Numbers (1 and 2) Smoke Control Orders are now operative and include some 824 premises.

The Number (3) Smoke Control Order received approval on the 18th August 1971 and becomes operative on the 1st September 1972. This area covers 212 acres and includes 576 premises.

Survey work is also being undertaken in the preparation for approval of the Number (4) Smoke Control Area which, when completed, will complete the entire Smoke Control programme.

The table below indicates the monthly averages of the extent of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere in the district.

	<u>Smoke Particles</u>		<u>Sulphur Dioxide</u>	
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Day Recorded.</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Day Recorded</u>
January	175	530	193	550
February	132	330	161	440
March	128	335	119	300
April	122	305	98	205
May	59	124	69	130
June	48	98	42	68
July	21	49	40	72
August	47	119	52	108
September	67	178	94	186
October	92	192	114	325
November	87	305	95	315
December	125	315	113	340

Offensive Trades:

There are no premises in the District in relation to an establishment where offensive trade is carried out.

Common Lodging Houses	-	None Registered
Houses Let in Lodgings	-	None Registered

Schools:

There are four Junior Schools in the District and the sanitary accommodation is adequate at all schools. A new toilet block is now being constructed at the Methodist School attached to the school which will improve sanitary conditions at this school and overcome the problem of frozen and burst pipes in the winter months which has been the case in the past years.

Water facilities are adequate at all schools and meals for one school are prepared on the premises; at the other three schools, meals are prepared outside and brought to the school in insulated containers.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act 1951:

No premises have been registered under the above Act.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949:

Rodent Control:

One part time operator is employed on rodent control. Complaints of rodents have been investigated and treatments carried out at premises:-

		<u>Non- Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Number of properties inspected following notification		24	7
Number of properties found to be infested by	Rats	18	4
	Mice	6	3
Number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification		432	28
Number infested by	(1) Rats	5	1
	(2) Mice	2	-

Several areas of waste land and sites of former refuse tips have also been treated for rodents.

Factories Act 1937 to 1961:

In accordance with the provision of Section 153 (1) of the Factories Act 1961, the Medical Officer of Health is required to report specifically on the administration of matters under Part I and VIII of this Act, which are administered by the District Council.

PART I OF THE ACT

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health -

<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	11	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
	11	11	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil				
Overcrowding (S.2)	-				
Unreasonable temp.(S.3)	-				
Inadequate vent'n (S.4)	-				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-				
(b) Unsuitable or defect.	-				
(c)Not separate for sexes	-				
Other offences against the Act (not incl.offences relating to Outwork)	-				
Total	-				

SHOPS:

Shops were inspected under the Shops Act and minor infringements were remedied, 36 inspections were carried out for this purpose.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963:

The following is a statement showing the numbers and types of premises registered and the inspections made during the year :-

<u>Class of Premises</u>	No. of Premises registered during the year	No. of Premises registered at end of year	No. of registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	2	2
Retail Shops	-	12	11
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	17	16

SECTION ' E '

HOUSING

The Local Authority have 16 one bedroom flat units under construction which, when completed, will enable a further number of unfit houses to be cleared.

Six private dwellings have been completed during the year.

The following shows in detail the work carried out during the year under review :-

(a) Inspection of dwelling houses:

Number of houses inspected for defects	929
Number of inspections made for the purpose	1246

(b) Slum Clearance:

Number of Demolition Orders made during the year	13
Number of houses demolished and site cleared	1

Improvements of older houses:

The following table shows the extent of this work during 1971.

(a) Improvement Grants: One application for an improvement grant was received and approved.

(b) Standard Grants:

<u>No. of applications received</u>		<u>No. of applications approved</u>		<u>No. of houses improved</u>	
<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
<u>Occupier</u>		<u>Occupier</u>		<u>Occupier</u>	
12	-	12	-	11	-

Amenities Provided.

<u>Fixed Bath</u>	<u>Wash Hand Basin</u>	<u>Hot Water Supply</u>	<u>Inside W.C.</u>
7	8	7	11

House Lettings:

Fourteen dwellings were re-let to tenants from the Council's housing waiting lists.

There are 130 applications on the Council's housing waiting list of which 90 are resident outside the district.

Thirty applications for aged persons bungalows are also listed.

S E C T I O N ' F '

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Prevalance of, and Control over Infectious and
other Diseases.

Diphtheria	No cases notified
Encephalitis	No cases notified
Measles	No cases notified
Acute Meningitis	1 case notified - Age 54
Paratyphoid Fever	No cases notified
Poliomyelitis	No cases notified
Scarlet Fever	No cases notified
Small Pox	No cases notified
Tuberculosis	No cases notified
Typhoid Fever	No cases notified
Whooping Cough	No cases notified
Food Poisoning	No cases notified

